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NEW DELHI FOR AGATT: SINGAPORE PLEASE PASS ALAN HUNT, WHEAT ASSOCIATES, U.S.A.

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SUBJECT: WHEAT GRAIN SALES TO SRI LANKA STATE FLOUR MILLING CORPORATION

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM V.P. SILVA, CHAIRMAN OF SRI LANKA STATE FLOUR MILLING CORPORATION, REQUESTING FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BULK GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM U.S. PORTS:
(A) WHAT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO US PORTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SHIPMENT?

(B) WHAT IS MINIMUM PERIOD OF NOTICE OF LOAD PORT LAY DAYS THAT MUST BE GIVEN TO SHIPPERS REGARDING PLACEMENT OF VESSELS FOR BULK LOADING?

(C) DO ALL PORTS IN GULF AND NORTHWEST PACIFIC PERMIT ALONG-SIDE BULK LOADING ON BASIS OF VESSELS NOT EXCEEDING 25,000 TONS DWT AND 33 FT DRAUGHT FULLY LOADED?

(D) IT IS CUSTOMARY TO NOMINATE ONE PORT OR TWO PORT LOADING
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FOR LIFT WITHIN THE SPECIFICATIONS OF (C) ABOVE? THIS QUESTION RAISED BECAUSE IT GENERALLY CUSTOMARY IN AUSTRALIA TO NOMINATE TWO PORT LOADING AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT FREIGHT RATES BETWEEN ONE AND TWO PORT LOADING.

(E) WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF BULK GRAIN

CHARTER PARTY CUSTOMARY FOR US PORTS?

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CHAIRMAN SILVA.

3. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SILVA, HE SAID HE IS
REARRANGING DELIVERY SCHEDULES AND NOW THINKS HE WILL
TENDER FOR 20,000 MT OF U.S. GRAIN FOR TRAIL RUN IN
MIL (REFTEL B) IN MAY RATHER THAN MARCH. EMBOFF HAS
MARCH 8 APPOINTMENT WITH SILVA (ACCOMPANYING HUGH BRIGHT,
WESTERN WHEAT BISCUIT CONSULTANT) AND SILVA SAID HE
WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MORE DEFINITE SCHEDULE AT THAT TIME.
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